

AS TO PORTO RICO.

Present Condition of Affairs not Very Encouraging.

THE USURIOUS EXACTIONS

Of Spanish Merchants Have Drained the Agricultural Classes - Bad Roads - Idle to Talk of Prosperity, Good Schools and Good Government Until the Means of Transportation are Provided - Municipal Governments Hampered by Spanish System - General Henry's Wise Policy.

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SAN JUAN, Porto Rico, Feb. 21.—Dr. Carroll, the commissioner recently appointed by the President to make a report of the conditions in Porto Rico has just completed a tour of the island. He has visited all the municipalities of any size and has held conferences with the leading citizens wherever he has gone.

After his return to San Juan, he said to the Associated Press correspondent: "I have found but little manufacturing industry. Agriculture is not prosperous, owing to the results of the late war and the low prices now paid for coffee and sugar, the chief product of the island. Spanish merchants who heretofore controlled the trade in Porto Rico have drained the agricultural classes by their usurious loans and exactions. I found one Spanish merchant who was winding up his affairs previous to departing for Spain, who had sixty executions out against the properties of planters.

"Under the law in force here, these properties may be sold out by summary proceedings within thirty days. As the owners of the lands are in a straightened circumstance, these splendid haciendas will go to the creditors for a small proportion of their real value.

"Bad roads also reduce the profits to planters and raise the prices of necessities of life in the interior.

"It is idle to talk of prosperity, good schools and good government until the means of transportation are provided. With this advantage Porto Rico has a brilliant prospect.

At the present time the municipal governments are hampered by the Spanish system. Autonomy, such as General Henry is contemplating is greatly needed and when secured will give an incentive to development. I have found the jails crowded and fearfully unfit for their purpose. There are many prisoners who have been languishing in these pest holes for months for forgotten charges and for political offences. Some of the civil hospitals are in a shocking condition. The administration of justice is difficult, owing to favoritism and politics. The difficulties in the way of marriage are so great that many if not the majority of the people live in concubinage.

"The planters have no associations for improvement or study of crop conditions and are ignorant of the best methods of production.

"Under the wise policy of General Henry, the conditions of the island are improving. Relief has been given by his recent order delaying the foreclosure of mortgages for the period of a year. Without this just order the planters of the country would soon have become ruined. The new tariff is cordially received by the merchants and the business element and I am sure that it will give relief where relief is needed. The new rate of exchange is generally satisfactory, although transactions are still subject to some fluctuations, owing to the refusal of the bankers and brokers to adapt their transactions to the new rate. In my judgment, the ultimate retirement of the native money and the substitution of that of the United States is the thing desired and necessary to the proper and safe transaction of business.

"General Henry knows the people and understands their condition. The people confidently look to him for relief and they have an entire confidence in him. If he should not please the politicians, he is regarded by the masses as a just and considerate ruler. He is proceeding carefully but wisely.

"His order abolishing the old insular cabinet, with its impractical methods, while not a radical measure, is extremely important.

"Old and wily politicians of the Spanish school have rendered some of his efforts at good government nugatory, both in the insular affairs and also in the municipalities. By placing the affairs of the civil government in the hands of men who are subservient to him and in sympathy with his American methods he will be able to effectually carry out his ideas and orders for the improvement of the island and the amelioration of the people."

Democratic Advisory Committee.
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 21.—Chairman Jones, of the Democratic National Committee, has appointed an advisory committee to the national campaign committee, the object being

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Miss Josie Owen, of Montpelier, Ohio, writes: "I was afflicted from infancy with Catarrh, and no one can know the suffering it produces better than I. The sprays and washes prescribed by the doctors relieved me only temporarily, and though I used them constantly for ten years, the disease had a firmer hold than ever. I tried a number of blood remedies, but their mineral ingredients settled in my bones and gave me rheumatism. I was in a lamentable condition, and after exhausting all treatment, was declared incurable. Seeing S. S. S. advertised as a cure for blood diseases, I decided to try it. As soon as my system was under the effect of the medicine, I began to improve, and after taking it for two months I was cured completely. The dreadful disease was eradicated from my system, and I have had no return of it."

Many have been taking local treatment for years, and find themselves worse now than ever. A trial of

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to advance the interests of the Democratic committee along the lines of the national platform. The committee, of which Mr. Jones is himself a member, includes Stephen M. White, of California; D. J. Campau, of Michigan; Norman Mack, of New York; John P. Altgeld, of Illinois; George Fred Williams, of Massachusetts. The headquarters will be in Washington.

THE LEGISLATURE.

Valued Policy Bill Passes Senate 14 to 11—Appropriations Being Considered by the Senate and House.
Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Feb. 21.—The senate was opened with prayer by Rev. M. F. Compton.

Mr. Cornwell reported for the Romney asylum visiting committee.

A message from the governor announced his approval of senate bill 114, concerning appeals to the supreme court of appeals; also, senate joint resolution 15, concerning the printing of the West Virginia reports.

Senate bill 144, was offered by Mr. Getzendanner to amend section 16, of chapter 32, of the code, which was read a first and second time, and ordered to its engrossment.

Mr. Baker, of Grant, moved to take from the table the motion to reconsider the vote by which house bill 217, was amended yesterday. After a long parliamentary struggle, the motion was carried. The senate then took a recess until 2 o'clock, but did not reconvene until 3.

Senator Whitaker called up senate bill 10, the special order for 3 o'clock. Mr. Kidd made the point of order that the first order of business for the afternoon was the announcement of the vote on the valued policy bill, set for 2 o'clock.

The chair sustained Mr. Kidd's point. The vote on the valued policy bill was: Ayes, 14; noes, 11.

Mr. Whitaker called up senate bill No. 10, the omnibus bill, providing for the taxation of telegraph, telephone, express, and pipe line companies. It was passed, but three senators voting against it.

Mr. Osenton called up house bill 217, to tax express companies. By a vote of 13 to 8, the senate bill 10, was offered as a substitute, after the enacting clause of the bill was stricken out. The question recurring on the substitute for

the remainder for the summer quarter, \$2,000 was added for repairs to the Weston asylum, and \$150 for a bell. To the reform school, \$1,500 was added for a sewer.

Recent Charters Issued.

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CHARLESTON, W. Va., Feb. 21.—

Weston is to have a new paper, to be known as the Democrat. A company for the purpose of publishing it was chartered yesterday by the secretary of state. It consists of R. H. Harrison, Arthur Chrisman, W. W. Brannon, Louis Bennett, W. B. McGary, E. A. Brannon, Robert L. Bland and Terry G. Alfred. The capital stock is \$5,000, of which \$500 has been paid up.

A certificate of incorporation was also issued to the Provident Investment Company, of Charleston, for the purpose of dealing in stocks, securities, and investments generally. The incorporators are R. C. Jenkins, F. D. Pettibone, Y. J. Bird, Peter Callin, and G. B. Starbuck. \$500 is the capital stock subscribed.

A charter was also issued to the Dr. C. C. Moore Company, for the purpose of manufacturing and selling drugs. The principal office is to be in Charleston. The subscribed capital stock is \$1,000, held by C. C. Moore, Jr.; J. M. Lawson, Jr.; H. C. Faulkner; F. F. Georger, and L. Murray Roe.

Revoked the Grant.

BOMBAY, Feb. 21.—The Sultan of Oman has revoked the grant of a coal-lifting station to the French, under the British admiral's threats of a bombardment. The British warships Eclipse, Sphinx and Redbreast are lying off the port of Muscat. The sultan has issued a proclamation to the fore-going effect and he will make a similar announcement in open durbar. The French consul has entered a protest.

Bent the Plumber.

MADISON, Wis., Feb. 21.—Prof. R. W. Wood, instructor in physics in the University of Wisconsin, has originated the idea of thawing out frozen water pipes with electricity and made two successful experiments.

He takes the electric current used for street lighting purposes, attaches one wire to the frozen pipe inside the cellar of one house and the other wire to a similar pipe in the adjoining or any other house thus completing the circuit.

A current of about fifty volts is then turned on, heating the pipes and melt-

JUST LIKE MAGEE.

Whenever He Sees Duty Well Performed He Rewards It.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Feb. 20.—The officials of the Pennsylvania railroad received a check for \$1,000 from Senator C. L. Magee, accompanied by a note requesting that it be turned over to the family of the dead engineer who perished in the Pennsylvania wreck at Greentree, between Harrisburg and Philadelphia, last Monday.

Senator Magee and several other Pittsburgh politicians were on the rear end of the train when it was held up by a snow slide. The train following, crashed into the car where sat the senator and his friends. From under the wreck the crushed body of the engineer was brought, but life had fled. It was soon found from others who had been on the train following that had the engineer jumped when he first saw the train ahead, he would have saved his own life, probably, but he stayed to reverse his engine, then jumped and the heavy engine toppled over on him. The reversal of the engine is what saved the life of Senator Magee and his friends, as had it been permitted to plow into the cars with a full head of steam on, it is not likely that one of the party would have escaped.

QUEER OCCUPATIONS.

What Some London and Paris Women do for a Living.

New York Journal: The "dinner taster" is the latest example of the "ultra" type of Parisian refinement. The Parisian palate, you know, is the one thing worth living for, according to the ideas of a certain class of people whose pleasure in life depends upon the enjoyment of the senses.

The "dinner taster" makes it her business to visit the fine houses and taste the dishes intended for dinner. She suggests improvements, and shows the cook new ways of preparing dishes. That the business is a profitable one may be judged by the fact that she invariably rides in a cab.

In the east end of London, a lucrative trade is followed by some score or more of women. The pawnbrokers there are very numerous, and never lack for clients. Among the latter, however, are some who do not relish the idea of being brought into personal contact with "uncle."

It is for the benefit of these that the pawnbroker's agent exists. She goes several times a day to the pawnshop with articles belonging to the bashful



JOSEPH LEITER RICHARD CROKER



THE UNION OF TWO GIANTS.

It is rumored, and upon no vague foundation, that Joseph Leiter, the former wheat king, and Richard Croker, head of Tammany Hall, have gone into the automobile project, their aim being to supply the world with automobile trucks to be used in place of the horse and truck. The argument in favor of the automobile is economy, speed, certainty and convenience. During the recent awful blizzards the automobiles were not hindered an hour.

The bill, it was defeated by a vote of 6 to 17. Mr. Cole moved to lay the bill on the table, which was defeated. Baker, (of Randolph), Getzendanner, Woodyard, Whitaker and Marshall voting in the affirmative. Mr. Whitaker moved to strike out the enacting clause, which was defeated by the same vote. Mr. Whitaker moved to indefinitely postpone. Mr. Cornwell made the point of order that the motion was simply a dilatory action, which was overruled. The motion was defeated. The bill was ordered to its engrossment, and third reading. Upon motion of Mr. Osenton, the bill was made a special order for 11:20 o'clock to-morrow, by a vote of 16 to 5.

The senate took up senate bill 140, the appropriation bill, which was considered by sections.

In the house the special committee on senate joint resolution 11, proposing an amendment to the state constitution, reported recommending several amendments, among them the following: The officers named in this article shall receive for their services the following salary:

The governor shall receive for his services \$3,000 per annum; the secretary of state, \$2,000; the state superintendent of free schools, \$1,500; the treasurer, \$1,500; the auditor, \$2,500, and the attorney general, \$1,800 per annum. Such officers shall not after the expiration of the terms of those in office at the adoption of this amendment, receive for their own use any fees, costs, perquisites of office or other compensation, and all fees that may hereafter be payable by law for any services performed by any officer provided for in this article of the constitution, shall be paid into the state treasury in itemized statement of which shall be rendered biennially to the legislature by the officers receiving such fees.

For section 4 an amendment was offered, providing for the investment and use of the irreducible school fund. The committee also reported adversely on house bill 146, providing for a call of a convention to frame a new constitution for the state. A minority report, signed by Messrs. Darst, Scherr and Stump recommended that the resolution be adopted without change, as proposed by the senate, and that the amendments be submitted to the people.

The senate bill providing for the purchase by the city of Wheeling of the two toll bridges was taken up and passed.

House bill 170, authorizing the town of Spencer to remove the bodies from the McKown burying ground, was passed.

The entire afternoon was taken up in the consideration of the appropriation bill. The sum of \$600 stricken out of the historical society item yesterday, was restored.

The university appropriation was cut \$500, \$200 coming off the salaries, and

A Misconception.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 20.—Senator Quesada, late of the Cuban legation, and just returned from Cuba, was in consultation with the officials of the state and war departments to-day. He does not care to discuss his recent mission to Cuba for publication, but did say that there appeared to be a misconception in both the United States and in Cuba as to the attitude of the people in each country. He desired it understood, and said he based his statement on the closest observation while in Cuba, that absolutely the best of feeling prevailed among the Cubans towards the United States military authorities in the island.

Stephen's Stiff Sentence.

EASTON, Pa., Feb. 20.—George Herbert Stephens, who, after a sensational trial, lasting a week, was on Saturday convicted of burning Pardee Hall, was sentenced by Judge Scott to serve nine years at hard labor and separate and solitary confinement in the Eastern penitentiary. Stephens pleaded non vult contending to the charges of larceny and malicious mischief, but the court suspended suspended sentence in these cases. Stephens received his long sentence without a murmur. He did not speak a word after Lawyer Shipman had made a brief plea for mercy.

"One of the Oldest"

YORK, Pa., Feb. 21.—John Logan, one of the oldest postmasters in the United States is dead at his home at Cross Roads, this county. He was appointed postmaster during the administration of President Van Buren, in 1837, and has filled the same office continuously up to the time of his death. Deceased was eighty-eight years old.

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